

**SENATE CONCURRENT
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DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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Hendley.

BRAY, WALKER

_____, read first time and referred to Committee on



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2 Hendley.

3 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley was born May 31, 1938, in*
4 *Hillsdale, Macon County, Tennessee. He was the eldest son and*
5 *second child of ten children born to Wilbur J. Hendley, Sr., and Ida*
6 *May Taylor. Hendley was named jointly for his great uncle William*
7 *"Billy" Bird Hendley and great grandfather Francis "Frank" M.*
8 *Hendley, both natives of Putnam County, Tennessee;*

9 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley moved with his family to the Bill*
10 *Douglas Farm just off State Road 252 in Nineveh Township in*
11 *southern Johnson County, Indiana in July of 1942. There, Hendley*
12 *began his education, attending several schools during his educational*
13 *endeavors;*

14 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley joined the Indiana Army National*
15 *Guard as a volunteer on April 29, 1956, where he served three*
16 *consecutive enlistments from 1956 through 1966. Hendley served as*
17 *an Ordnance Parts Specialist, Ordnance Supply Specialist, both with*
18 *Headquarters and Company A of the 738th Ordnance Battalion, and*
19 *Light Truck Driver with Headquarters and Company B of the 38th*
20 *Aviation Battalion;*

21 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley comes from a family rich in military*
22 *service, with family members having served for both the Confederacy*
23 *and Union during the American Civil War;*

24 *Whereas, In 1962, Billy Frank Hendley had the distinct honor of*
25 *enrolling in the United States Army Quartermasters School at Fort*
26 *Lee, Virginia. During his tenure there, Hendley obtained a superior*



1 rating and was named an honor graduate from the canvas and webbed
2 equipment repair course;

3 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley spent nine years from 1956 to 1965
4 working for the Military Department of Indiana in the United States
5 Property and Fiscal Office (USPFO) as a trades helper, junior
6 mechanic, painter, canvas and leather repairman, and automotive
7 repairman. By the end of his tenure with the USPFO, Hendley had
8 advanced to Level 11 (NGW 11-3);

9 Whereas, In addition to his skills as a quartermaster, Billy Frank
10 Hendley was also an excellent marksman, earning the Sharpshooter
11 (Rifle) Badge three times. Hendley was honorably discharged from the
12 Indiana Army National Guard on June 16, 1966, after ten years of
13 service. Hendley attained the rank of sergeant;

14 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley married Marilyn Jo Snyder on
15 November 20, 1959, and of this union were born five children: Bryan
16 D. Hendley, Steven W. Hendley, Timothy H. Hendley, Terri L. Webb,
17 and Carole M. Ellis;

18 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley, with the advice, counsel, and
19 friendship of Mr. F. Edward Vandivier (future two-term mayor of
20 Franklin, Indiana) embarked on his entrepreneurial journey. Hendley
21 began his rewarding and profitable journey of self-employment in
22 1965. He first owned and managed a Phillips 66 service station and
23 Bill's Upholstery Shop, both in Franklin, Indiana. Hendley eventually
24 closed the service station and later moved the upholstery shop to his
25 home. Hendley's business quickly outgrew his family's home, and he
26 soon bought and relocated the business to an old, abandoned IGA
27 store in the heart of Providence, Indiana. By 1984, Hendley's business
28 had again outgrown its building, and Hendley began leasing a large,
29 two-story building in downtown Bargsville, Indiana. Having built
30 his upholstery business into a thriving, full-time occupation, Hendley
31 decided to quit his "second job" as a truck driver for Roadway
32 Express, Inc. that he had held for eighteen years, from 1966 through
33 1984. Hendley was always considerate of his family members, making
34 every effort to employ family members in need of work in any way
35 possible in any of his businesses that he was active with at the time of
36 the family member's need;

37 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley held the first Hendley family
38 reunion at his Banta, Johnson County, Indiana home on Memorial Day
39 1972, and the first national reunion of both branches (clans) of the
40 Hendley family at his farm near Providence, Indiana, on Memorial



1 *Day 1975. At this event, The Hendley Family Association of Tennessee*
 2 *was established, and the Association officially came into existence on*
 3 *January 1, 1976;*

4 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley played a crucial role in the*
 5 *establishment and success of The Hendley Family Association, serving*
 6 *on the first board of directors of the Association from 1976 to 1977,*
 7 *hosting the first reunion of the Francis Marion Hendley Clan (branch)*
 8 *of the Association, was an honorary signatory of the Association's*
 9 *incorporation charter, and served as the second national president and*
 10 *first native Tennessean of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. of*
 11 *Tennessee from 1978 to 1979. Hendley was also elected to the first*
 12 *board of directors for the Francis Marion Hendley Clan (branch) of*
 13 *The Hendley Family Association, Inc., serving from 2003 to September*
 14 *23, 2007, when he was again elected to the national board of directors*
 15 *of The Hendley Family Association, Inc. Hendley served in that*
 16 *capacity from his election on September 23, 2007 until his passing on*
 17 *April 20, 2013;*

18 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley was presented the President's*
 19 *Award plaque, fashioned in the shape of the State of Tennessee, for his*
 20 *sponsorship of the first three Hendley reunions by the first National*
 21 *President, Francis "Frank" M. Hendley, II of The Hendley Family*
 22 *Association, Inc. on May 31, 1977. He was presented the President's*
 23 *Award of Merit plaque for his dedication to The Hendley Family*
 24 *Association by National President William H. Hendley on May 31,*
 25 *1982;*

26 *Whereas, Four of Billy Frank Hendley's children have been*
 27 *involved in the governance of The Hendley Family Association, Inc.*
 28 *Hendley's eldest son, Bryan, is a former member of the board of*
 29 *directors, having served from 1982 to 2001, his eldest daughter, Terri*
 30 *L. Webb, has been serving as national secretary since 1982, his*
 31 *youngest son, Timothy, is a current member of the board of directors,*
 32 *serving since 2001, and his youngest daughter, Carole M. Ellis, has*
 33 *served as assistant national secretary since 1989;*

34 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley once rescued two horses from*
 35 *abuse in Brown County, Indiana, adding them to the many other*
 36 *animals he kept on his farm near Providence, Indiana. Hendley sought*
 37 *to instill a sense of responsibility in his children at a young age by*
 38 *having his children care for the horses and many other animals on the*
 39 *family's farm;*

40 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley was active in his community and*



1 participated in numerous civic organizations, including Eli Lilly
 2 American Legion Post #374 of Indianapolis, the Tennessee Monument
 3 Commission, Inc., the Confederate High Command re-enactment
 4 group, the Indiana-Tennessee Civil War Memorial Commission, the
 5 White River Valley Region's Antique Car Club of America, and the
 6 Johnson County Association for Retarded Citizens at the Gateway
 7 Learning Center in Franklin, Indiana;

8 Whereas, Even after his retirement in 2000, Billy Frank Hendley
 9 remained active in his hobbies and in the lives of his children. He
 10 continued collecting and restoring classic cars for the antique car club
 11 of which he was a member, and at various times helped out his son
 12 Timothy, who had taken over the family upholstery business. One
 13 project of particular note was a donation of cushions made for the
 14 pews at the old World War II P.O.W. chapel museum at the U.S. Army
 15 post, Camp Atterbury, in Edinburg, Indiana in southeast Johnson
 16 County. Hendley also began a tradition of housing renovation, which
 17 he and his children carried on for twelve years until the time of
 18 Hendley's passing;

19 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley was the recipient of numerous
 20 awards and honors for his public service and community involvement,
 21 including being appointed an honorary delegate by Congressman
 22 William Hill "Bill" Boner and Colonel Aide-de-Camp to Governor
 23 Lamar Alexander, being awarded the National Guard Lapel Pin from
 24 Indiana Adjutant General Carl G. Farrell, the Honorary Lieutenant
 25 Governor Citation from Indiana Lieutenant Governor (and later
 26 Governor) Frank O'Bannon, the National Guard Medal by the
 27 Department of Indiana American Legion Commander Jim Koutz, the
 28 Governor's Outstanding Tennessean Award from Governor Ned R.
 29 McWherter, the Cold War Certificate of Recognition from Secretary of
 30 Defense Donald Rumsfeld, the Honorary Lieutenant Governor Citation
 31 from Indiana Lieutenant Governor (and later Governor) Joseph E.
 32 Kernan, and posthumously the National Defense Service Medal by the
 33 Indiana Joint Forces Headquarters, Indiana National Guard;

34 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley's funeral service was observed on
 35 April 23, 2013 at the Flinn & McGuire Funeral Home in Franklin,
 36 Indiana, and officiated by the Reverend Max Downs of the Franklin
 37 Church of the Nazarene;

38 Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley was laid to rest the following day,
 39 April 24, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. at East Hill Cemetery in Morgantown,
 40 Morgan County, Indiana. Mr. William H. Hendley, Mr. Justin Webb,
 41 Mr. Brandon Moorefield, Mr. Logan Hendley, Mr. Randy "Hick"



1 *Rodgers, and Mr. Shawn Gilley served as pallbearers;*

2 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley is survived by his wife and five*
 3 *children, as well as eight grandchildren, Stephanie Webb, Justin Webb,*
 4 *Kristin Moorefield, Austin Hendley, Logan Hendley, Madison Hendley,*
 5 *and Morgan Hendley, and one great grandchild, Andre Webb.*
 6 *Hendley also leaves behind five sisters, Louise Burgdolf, Susie*
 7 *McChusky, Sara Hendley, Mary Rodgers, and Lilly Eisenmenger, three*
 8 *brothers, Walter, Wilbur Jr., and Ray. Hendley's youngest sister,*
 9 *Margie Ward, preceded him in passing. Hendley is also survived by*
 10 *a half sister, Pandora Hendley Reagan, two half brothers, Calvin and*
 11 *Randall Hendley, and a step brother, Harold Clay Ray;*

12 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley's family received condolence letters*
 13 *from Tennessee Governor Bill Haslem and his wife Crissy, Indiana*
 14 *Governor Michael R. Pence, Virginia Governor Robert F. McDonnell*
 15 *and his wife Maureen, and Brigadier General John E. O'Neil, IV,*
 16 *Commandant, United States Army Quartermaster School, Fort Lee,*
 17 *Virginia, all of which are indicative of the esteem in which Hendley*
 18 *was held; and*

19 *Whereas, Billy Frank Hendley lived up to the highest merits and*
 20 *traditions of his Tennessee heritage and also exemplified what it means*
 21 *to be a Hoosier. Hendley lived the motto of The Hendley Family*
 22 *Association, Inc., taken from the late former Governor Ned R.*
 23 *McWherter's first inaugural address on January 17, 1987 when he said*
 24 *"It is appropriate today that we pause to remember who we are, where*
 25 *we came from, and what we have been taught." Hendley also carried*
 26 *on the ethics and morals of his great-great grandmother, Elizabeth*
 27 *Jane Gentry-Hendley, the "Mother of the Great Hendley Family of*
 28 *Tennessee," as Hendley truly was a "friend to all": Therefore,*

29 *Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly*
 30 *of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:*

31 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly joins with the
 32 Tennessee General Assembly in memorializing and paying final tribute
 33 to one of its outstanding, lifetime residents for his military service,
 34 entrepreneurial spirit, and Hoosier values. The Indiana General
 35 Assembly sends its sympathy to his family.

36 SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed to
 37 transmit copies of this Resolution to William H. Hendley, National
 38 President, The Hendley Family Association, Inc.

